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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Advisory Action of January 3, 2003, for which a two-month extension of time for response is hereby requested, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A method for determining binding of a species at a surface having a local environment at a given pH or surface potential, wherein said binding is effective to alter said pH or potential, the method comprising:

incorporating at said surface a probe which comprises a pH- or potential-sensitive fluorophore

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